

City of Renton

Shoreline Master Program Update



Council Adopts SMP Ordinance

After several months of discussion and written exchanges with the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Renton City Council adopted the Shoreline Master Program on October 24th. This version of the SMP contains a handful of changes from the version the City Council accepted by Resolution in September 2010. Some of these changes include:

- Most new single-family docks will be limited to 4-feet in width
- Expansion of new over-water trails is limited to existing and planned facilities
- Clarifications related to utilities in the shoreline area
- Clarifications to ensure aviation uses meet the standard of no net loss of ecological functions and processes
- Clarifications to consistently apply vegetation conservation standards
- Allowance of buffer averaging if needed to comply with the clean-up of a superfund site
- Correction of two mapping inconsistencies

A full description of these changes can be found in City's letter to Ecology, which can be viewed on the SMP webpage.

Next Steps

Department of Ecology will review Renton's Shoreline Master Program Ordinance and is very likely to grant final approval to the Program. New shoreline rules will be in effect upon the date of approval. Parties of record (which includes you if you received this update by email or post) should receive notification from Ecology when approval has been granted.

Questions About Your Property?

Curious about how the proposed SMP may affect your property? Some of the information has changed. Find out more from project manager Erika Conkling by calling (425)430-6578 or emailing econkling@rentonwa.gov.

Did you know?

All the review documents are available on the project website shoreline.rentonwa.gov. You can receive an email each time the shoreline page is updated by clicking on the "subscribe to this page" icon located at the top right of the main page.

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